

[ABSTRACT]**DESKTOP COMPUTER APPLIANCE**

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A desktop personal computer appliance is described for use with external user input and display devices, the appliance consisting of: a system unit having a sealed housing comprising main processing functionality for executing application programs and at least a DC-DC converter, the housing being
10 provided with external connectors for connection to said external user input and display devices; a removable data storage device for storing user data associated with said application programs and a user-specific software image containing said application programs, the housing having a recessed portion for receiving the removable data storage device and a movable closure member
15 for enclosing the recessed portion; and an external power supply having a flying lead connectable to an external socket provided in the housing for supplying DC power to the DC-DC converter.

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